

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A hair care device including hair combing means with a plurality of combing teeth ~~and means~~ a movement mechanism for adjusting effective teeth spacing between adjacent combing teeth, and a holding mechanism, wherein said hair combing means includes a plurality of movable combing teeth, wherein and at least some of said movable combing teeth are thermally conductive so that heat can be conducted from said combing means to a user's hair being styled via said thermally conductive combing teeth during use when said hair is being engaged under tension by said combing teeth means, and wherein said holding mechanism maintains said movable combining teeth at a user selectable position corresponding to one of a plurality of discrete positions during use, and each one of said discrete positions corresponds to a pre-determined effective teeth spacing.

2. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim 1, wherein said movement mechanism comprises a driving member, and said driving member causes change in hair engaging tension on said hair being adjustable by varying the effective teeth spacing between said adjacent combing teeth.

3. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~2, wherein said hair combing means ~~including~~ comprises a first comb row and a second

comb row each having a plurality of comb teeth, and said first and said second comb rows being relatively movable so that the effective teeth spacing transversely across said combing means ~~being~~are variable by relative movement of said first and said second comb rows, wherein, at least some of said comb teeth being thermally conductive so that, when hair is engaged under tension by said comb assembly, heat can be transmitted to said hair via said thermally conductive comb teeth, and said holding means comprises an arrangement of a plurality of indentations and a stud for engaging with one of said plurality of indentations, and cooperative engagement between said stud and one of said indentations defines a pre-determined effective teeth spacing.

4. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim 3, wherein said driving member comprises a push-tab member and at least some of the comb teeth on said first and second comb rows ~~being~~are adapted so that the effective teeth spacing ~~transversely across~~ of said combing means ~~being~~ is adjustably adjustable by relative movements between said comb rows, wherein movement of said push-tab member brings about movement of said plurality of movable teeth whereby the effective teeth spacing of said combing means is changed.

5. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim [[4]]1, wherein the width of said some of said comb teeth ~~being~~ is comparable to their teeth spacing, and wherein said movement mechanism comprises a means for maintaining said movable combing teeth at predetermined positions, and said pre-

determined positions correspond to discrete settings of different effective teeth spacing of said device.

6. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim [[4]]1, wherein the width of said some of said comb teeth ~~being~~ is comparable to the teeth spacing between correspondingly adjacent comb teeth, said movement mechanism comprises means for maintaining said movable combing teeth at predetermined positions, and said pre-determined positions correspond to discrete settings of effective teeth spacing of said device.

7. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 1 and including heating means, wherein said heating means being disposed so that heat generated by said heating means can be transferred from said heating means to the hair via said combing means.

8. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to Claim 1, wherein said combing means ~~including~~ includes first combing means and second combing means which are relatively movable, and said device is a hair styling attachment with the housing comprising an attachment mechanism for coupling to the nozzle of a hair blower.

9. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 8 and including a main housing, wherein said first combing means being movable relative to said main housing, said first combing means includes a first comb row, said second combing means includes second and third combs, said first, second and third comb rows

being generally parallel and said first comb row being intermediate of said second and third rows, wherein the effective combing teeth spacing of said combing means transverse to said comb rows being adjustable by relative movements of said first, second and third comb rows.

10. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9, wherein said second and third combing rows being generally thermally conductive.

11. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9, wherein said second combing means including metallic combing teeth extending from a metallic base.

12. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9, wherein each of said first, second and third comb rows including a plurality of generally parallel combing teeth, wherein the teeth of said comb rows being adapted so that the effective teeth spacing across said combing means being adjustably by relative movements of said comb rows.

13. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9 and including a handle, said first and second combing means being respectively movable and stationary relative to said handle, the width of the teeth on said first combing means being comparable to the teeth spacing between corresponding adjacent teeth or teeth pairs on said second combing means so that the effective spacing across said combing means being adjustable by movement of said first combing means.

14. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 13, wherein at least some of the teeth on said second combing means are thermally conductive so that when hair is engaged by said comb assembly, heat can be transmitted to said hair via said thermally conductive teeth.

15. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 9 and including a handle, wherein relative movements between said first and said second combing means being actuatable by an actuation button which is pivotable about a hinge, the movable combing means being urged away from said handle while said button is being depressed.

16. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to Claim 15, wherein said actuation button being under spring urge to return said movable combing means towards said handle when the actuation button is released.

17. (Original) A hair care device according to Claim 8, wherein said first and second combing means being relatively translatable along a first orientation, said combing teeth being generally elongated and extending along a second orientation, wherein relative translation between said first and second combing means along said first direction will cause said elongated teeth on one combing means to traverse the spacing between adjacent teeth pairs on the other combing means to vary the effective teeth spacing of said device, said means for adjusting said effective teeth spacing controls the relative translation between said first and second combing means.

18. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to claim 17, wherein said means for adjusting said effective teeth spacing includes a rotatable wheel.

19. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to claim 18, wherein a complete revolution of said rotatable wheel about its axis of rotation will move a combing tooth to a position previously occupied by an adjacent tooth.

20. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to claim 18, wherein said rotatable wheel being connected to a turning knob, said turning knob including a screw-threaded shaft, the longitudinal axis of said shaft being parallel to said first direction.

21. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to claim 17, wherein said first and said second directions ~~being~~ are substantially orthogonal.

22. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to claim 8, wherein said ~~means for adjusting said effective teeth spacing including means~~ movement mechanism is adapted for to gradually translate ~~translating~~ one of said combing means.

23. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to claim 22, wherein said gradual translation of said one of said combing means being driven by a screw-threaded rotary shaft, the longitudinal axis of said screw-threaded shaft being parallel to said first direction.

24. (Original) A hair care device according to claim 22, wherein said teeth spacing adjusting means further include means to maintain said one of said combing means at pre-determined positions along said first direction.

25. (Original) A hair care device according to claim 22, wherein said pre-determined positions correspond to discrete settings of the effective teeth spacing of said device.

26. (Currently Amended) A hair care device according to claim 8, wherein the teeth spacings on said first and second combing means being generally equal.

27. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according claim ~~[[9]]~~8, wherein said main housing includes a hollow member with an air-inlet, an air-outlet, and a neck portion interconnecting said air-inlet and said air-outlet, said comb members being disposed at said air-outlet with said teeth pointing away from said air-outlet.

28. (Withdrawn) A hair care device according to claim 27, wherein said main housing includes means for coupling to the nozzle of a hair care apparatus with a blower.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) A hair care apparatus including an air blower and a hair care device having hair combing means with a plurality of movable combing teeth, a movement mechanism ~~and means~~ for adjusting effective teeth spacing

between adjacent combing teeth, and a holding mechanism, wherein at least some of said combing teeth are thermally conductive so that heat can be conducted from said combing means to a user's hair via said thermally conductive combing teeth when said hair is being engaged under tension by said combing teeth, wherein said holding mechanism maintains said movable combining teeth at a user selectable position corresponding to one of a plurality of discrete positions during use, and each one of said discrete positions corresponds to a pre-determined effective teeth spacing.

31. (Canceled).

32. (Canceled).

33. (Canceled).

34. (Canceled).

35. (Canceled).

36. (New) A hair care device including hair combing means with a plurality of combing teeth, a movement mechanism for adjusting effective teeth spacing between adjacent combing teeth, and a holding mechanism, wherein said hair combing means includes a plurality of movable combing teeth, and at least some of said movable combing teeth are thermally conductive so that heat can be conducted from said combing means to a user's hair being styled during use when hair is being

engaged under tension by said combing means, and wherein said holding mechanism maintains said movable combining teeth at a user selectable position corresponding to one of at least three discrete positions during use, and each one of said discrete positions corresponds to a pre-determined effective teeth spacing.